9th Mission
Be Honest to your Heart

WHAT A HUGE... HOUSE.
Is it a castle?
.....
UNDER-STAND, TAISHI?!
IT'S JUST FOR A WHILE, JUST TEMPORARY!!! REMEMBER THAT!
GOT IT.

Since we left the apartment,
my brother and I were permitted to stay in a section of the Sugou household
WHY NOT?
NO WAY THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN!
IT'S ALL RIGHT EVEN IF YOU GUYS STAY FOREVER.
Miss
ALL RIGHT, TAISHI, GET YOUR LUGGAGE!
THEN MY ROO—
OH, RIGHT. WE HAVE RESI-DENCES FOR EMPLOYEE USE...
The one to save me in the end was, once again, Tora
I mean,
IT'S FINE.
Sorry
YOU'LL HAVE TO TRANSFER SCHOOLS, IS THAT ALL RIGHT?
Huh?
.....
But I can't always rely on his kindness

He has a fiancee, after all!
?
I didn't forget!
Thank you for needing me.
Just that has saved me enough.

I probably like Tora, but the worlds we live in will probably never overlap so there's nothing I can do about it...
Tamaaaa!
Tama, Tamaaaaaa~ ♫
IF YOU'RE FINISHED FOR TODAY, WE'LL GO EAT...
I'M ON MEAL DUTY TODAY!
SORRY, SEE YOU!
YOUR BROTHER CAN ALSO C—
.....
TAMAAA, ON YOUR NEXT DAY OFF...
IT'S ALREADY OVER...
FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY, TAMA...
I HAVE TO BUY SOME STUFF THAT DAY.
ASK THE MAIDS TO DO THAT!!!
Geez you!
CAN YOU WASH MY BACK

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BAM
WHAT IS SHE THINKING?!
THAT IDIOT, TAMA!!!
WHY IS SHE AVOIDING ME LIKE THIS? SOMETHING MUST BE...
KAGE-TORA-SAN.
Maybe I should call you "Ki" instead of young master...
YOU SHOULD BE THE ONE IMPROVING YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS YOUR MASTER. YOU SHOULD FIX IT A LITTLE!
STOP THROWING A TANTRUM WHEN THINGS DON'T GO THE WAY YOU WANT. YOU'RE NOT A CAT IN HEAT.
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME.
I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU.

MOTHER...
YOU'VE DONE SOMETHING OUTRAGEOUS THIS LATE IN THE GAME.
.....
SAY, SIS...
HMM?
KAGETORA-SAN...
DOES HE LIKE YOU?
YOU'RE PRETTY OBSERVANT...
NOT REALLY.
HE'S JUST TOO OBVIOUS AND OPEN ABOUT IT.

THAT GUY...
HAS A FIANCEE.
AND? WHAT ABOUT YOU?
HE'D BE A RICH STEAL...
IDIOT, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.
...!
NOTHING COULD HAPPEN BETWEEN A COMMON WEED LIKE ME AND SOMEONE LIKE HIM...
BUT I'LL PROPERLY RETURN THE FAVOR SINCE HE SAVED US.
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?
NOPE.
Slurp
MUTTER
HMM?
OH BOY,
SIS IS REALLY.

HUH, MIKE-SAN?!
I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D HAVE CLOTHES LIKE THIS!
YOU KNOW, I HAVE DAYS OFF, TOO
KNOCK
KNOCK
HASE-GAWA, YOU THERE?
THE YOUNG MASTER HAS CALLED
HE CALLED?
IT'S ALMOST ELEVEN AT NIGHT
OUNNO
AH...
MAYBE HE WANTS TO ENJOY THE NIGHTLIFE?
YOU'LL BE FINE ON YOUR OWN, SO I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU!

Pitch black...
EXCUSE M...
HUH?
SQUEAK
YOUNG MASTER?
LOOKS AROUND
TORA...

WAH!!!
!!!

I WAS TRYING TO PICK YOU UP
HEY! WHAT'RE YOU DOING, ATTACKING YOUR BODY-GUARD?!
WE'RE FINALLY ALONE.
Caught youuu!
.....
ARE YOU GOING SOME-WHERE?
I CAN GET THE CAR RIGHT AW
NO,
NOT REALLY
BUT WE CAN GO OUT TOO IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE HERE
HUH?

AS LONG AS I CAN STICK TO YOU LIKE THIS...
ANYWHERE IS FINE.
UMM...
TORA..
WHAT?
YOU WOULDN'T BE WANTING TO DO THOSE KIND OF THINGS, WOULD YOU?
I WOULD!

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No...
ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME YOU PREPARED YOURSELF,
TAMA?
No.
YOU SEE, I'VE ALWAYS...
No, we can't

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BEING A... A MISTRESS...
IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME,
SO...
IT MIGHT NOT BE A BIG DEAL TO YOU, TORA,
BUT I CAN'T.

HOWEVER,
I'LL BE YOUR SHIELD ANY NUMBER OF TIMES
I'LL PROTECT YOU FROM EVERYTHING.
THESE ARE MY FEELINGS.
I'LL BE BY YOUR SIDE.

GOOD NIGHT!
SEE YOU TO-MORROW!
BOW

OH, SORRY, DID I WAKE YOU?
I'M GOING TO SLEEP NOW, TOO.
NNNN...
SIS?
OPENS

Good
I held in my tears until I got here
SOB
.....
I don't want to cry in front of Tora ever again
DON'T WORRY, IT'S FINE
THANK YOU FOR SPARING ME SOME TIME.
TAISHI-KUN, RIGHT?

SO, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?
IT'S ABOUT MY SISTER...
DO WE HAVE SOME JUICE?
WANT A DRINK?
I'M UNDER-AGED.
ABOUT TAMA
I'LL LAY THIS OUT FROM THE START.
IF MY WORDS ANNOY YOU, I DON'T MIND IF YOU CHASE ME OUT
YOU HAVE A FIANCEE, RIGHT?
EVEN SO...
WHAT ARE YOUR INTEN-TIONS...
TOWARDS MY SISTER?

DID TAMA TELL YOU THAT?
YES.
I'M NOT TELLING YOU TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS FIANCEE FOR MY SISTER'S SAKE.
AS IT IS, SHE'S DOESN'T HAVE MUCH,
SO I DON'T WANT TO SEE HER GO ON LIKE THIS...
EVEN IF SHE LIKES YOU.
BUT...
SHE WAS CRYING.

SHE SAID SHE LIKES ME?!
SHE LIKES ME?
Clatter
I DON'T GET HIM.
FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN...
SHE DOES... DOESN'T SHE?
? ?
SORRY, SORRY
I'VE MADE YOU WORRY
I'VE ALREADY THOUGHT ABOUT IT AND I'M WORKING ACCORDINGLY

I CAN ANNUL MY ENGAGEMENT...

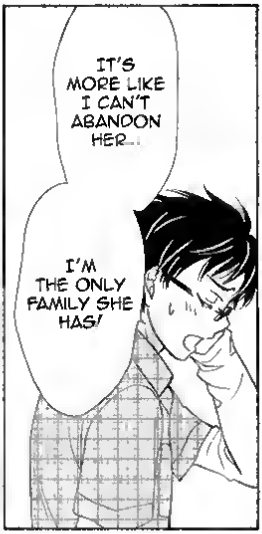
BUT SINCE IT WAS DECIDED BY THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE PEOPLE AROUND ME,

THEY'RE MAKING A BIT OF A FUSS.

IF YOU TOLD SIS THAT...
BUT FIGHTING WITHIN THE FAMILY IS KIND OF PATHETIC, RIGHT?
AND IF SHE KNEW, I THINK SHE'D BE TERRIBLY WORRIED.
TRUE...
THAT'S WHY...
KEEP IT A SECRET FROM TAMA UNTIL I PUT THINGS IN ORDER.
I HAVE NOTHING MORE TO SAY.
UMM... THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
TAISHI-KUN.

YOU REALLY...
LOVE YOUR SIS-TER, DON'T YOU?

I'M...
THE SAME
I LOVE HER.


IT'S MORE LIKE I CAN'T ABANDON HER...
I'M THE ONLY FAMILY SHE HAS!

THAT SAID, I'M GOING TO BE YOUR BIG BROTHER, SO LET'S GET ALONG!
Seriously?
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GOOD MORNING.
WE CAME TO CONFIRM TODAY'S SCHEDULE.
YES.
GOOD MORNING.

SORRY, MIKE, STEP OUT FOR A BIT.
I HAVE SOMETHING TO DISCUSS WITH TAMA
UMM, ABOUT FIRING— BEFORE THAT!
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.
IT'S UNRELATED, BUT—
NO.
IF IT'S ABOUT LAST NIGHT, THEN—
DISCUSS— YOU SAY?

I...
DISCHARGE YOU FROM YOUR POSITION AS MY BODYGUARD

NO WAY...!
SO IT REALLY IS ABOUT YESTERDAY!
NO, THAT'S NOT IT.
BUT THIS IS TOO SUDDEN!
I GIVE UP, I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS FOR A WHILE...
Whoa whoa
IT'S BECAUSE I TURNED YOU DOWN, RIGHT?!
THAT'S NOT IT!
AS I THOUGHT, I

YOUR NEW POSITION WILL BE
MY PARTNER.
WHAT?!

IN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC...
MY PARTNER.
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BUT...
THE WORLDS WE LIVE IN ARE TOO DIFFERENT.
IS THAT SO?
I JUST HAD MY HEART BROKEN,
I HAVE NO PARENTS,
AND THERE'S MY LITTLE BROTHER TO THINK ABOUT TOO.
STOP WITH THE EXCUSES.
BUT THE ENGAGE-MENT...
YES,
I CALLED IT OFF.
OF COURSE, BECAUSE I WANT YOU.
WHY...

I'VE ALREADY MADE MY DECISION.
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS FOR YOU TO DECIDE.
WHAT WILL YOU DO?
If I take it—
If I take his hand
Right.

P...
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME!!!
ALL RIGHT!!!

YOU DON'T NEED TO PROTECT ME ANYMORE.
FROM NOW ON,
I WILL PROTECT YOU.

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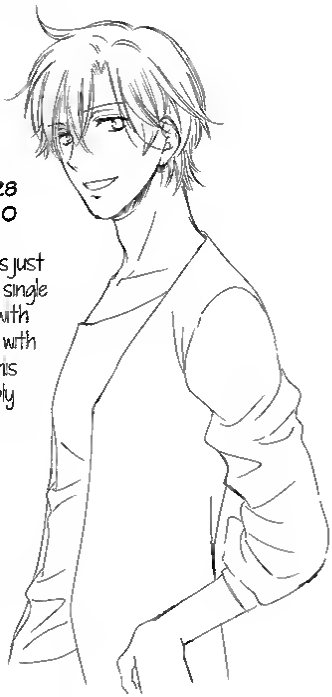

SHINDOU NATSUO

AGE: 28
BLOOD-TYPE: O

He seems suspiciously nice, but really, he's just a nice person. He grew up struggling in a single mother family, so he really sympathizes with Tama and her brother. He got together with a girl who started working part-time at his family's flower shop. His family will probably bloom nicely too.

HASEGAWA TAISHI

AGE: 15
BLOOD-TYPE: AB

He's an anime otaku.
It seems he's a fan of "*Homuka-chan" from "Majou Magi." What kind of anime is that ?
He's an anime otaku, but he's good with his studies.
He's an anime otaku, but he can do household chores well. He's an anime otaku, but he cares about his sister. He's an anime otaku. But in short, he's pretty capable.

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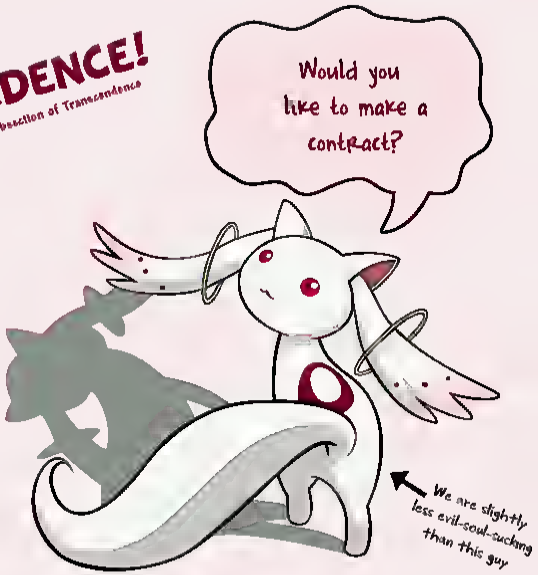

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